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providing a plurality of secondary recognizers to convert chirographs into code points, and associating the secondary recognizers with at least some of the shape indexes; receiving a chirograph;

providing the chirograph to the primary recognizer and receiving a shape index therefrom; and

without further decision by the primary recognizer, determining whether one of the secondary recognizers is associated with the shape index, and if so, selecting that secondary recognizer as a selected secondary recognizer and passing the chirograph to the selected secondary recognizer, the secondary recognizer returning a code point.

7. (Added)

A method of recognizing a chirograph input into a computer

system, comprising:

receiving a chirograph;

providing the chirograph to a primary recognizer to make a first decision as to a shape index that corresponds to the chirograph; and

without the primary recognized making a further decision:

selecting a secondary recognizer based on the shape index;

providing the chirograph to the secondary recognizer; and

returning the recognition result from the secondary recognizer.

(Twice Amended) A system for recognizing chirographs input into a computing device, comprising:

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a primary recognizer configured to determine a shape index from a chirograph;
a plurality of secondary recognizers, each secondary recognizer corresponding to
at least one shape index;

an interface configured to receive a chirograph and provide it to the primary recognizer, the primary recognizer providing a shape index corresponding to the chirograph;

a selection mechanism that selects a selected secondary recognizer based on the shape index, without further decision by the primary recognizer; and

the selected secondary recognizer determining a recognition result from the chirograph and returning the recognition result.

18. (Amended)

A computer-readable medium having computer-executable

instructions, comprising:

receiving a chirograph;

providing the chirograph to a primary recognizer and receiving recognition information therefrom; and

without the primary recognizer making a further decision:

determining whether the recognition information corresponds to a recognized result or has a value indicative of a CART tree being associated therewith; and

if the recognition information corresponds to a recognized result, returning the recognized result, and if the recognition information has the

value indicative of the CART tree being associated therewith, providing chirograph information to the CART tree and returning a recognition result therefrom.

Please add claims 19-27 as follows:

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(Added) The method of claim 1 wherein each shape index that the primary recognizer is capable of outputting has a unique secondary recognizer associated therewith.

20. (Added) A computer-readable medium having computer executable instructions for performing the method of claim 1.

21 22. (Added) The method of claim 7 wherein the shape index does not correspond to a code point.

(Added) The method of claim 7 wherein each shape index that the primary recognizer is capable of outputting has a unique secondary recognizer associated therewith.

23. (Added) A computer-readable medium having computer executable instructions for performing the method of claim 7.